

DOMESTIC PARCELS POST SUGGESTED

Similar to Those in Vogue Abroad.

CORTEYOU'S PROPOSAL

Postmaster General Favors Introduction of System as an Experimental Service.

Establishment of a domestic parcels post along lines similar to those of the foreign parcels post now in vogue will probably be the next step taken in the development of the postal service. Postmaster General Corteyou does not believe, however, that anything should be done at present further than the introduction of an experimental service of this character in certain carefully selected sections of the country, where a fair test of its usefulness could be made.

In his annual report, Mr. Corteyou has refrained from asking Congress for the establishment of a separate parcels post in the domestic service, but an earnest recommendation is made that third and fourth class matter be merged at the rate of one cent for two ounces. This could be done without the necessity of rearranging the service.

Rate Difficulty.

At present the difficulty which prevents itself in the establishment of a uniform rate, which would not be too high for short distances and too low for long distances. Necessarily, any effort upon the part of the General Government to carry parcels of greater weight and size than are now admitted to the mails would bring it into immediate competition with the express companies. A uniform system of postage, which would actually cover the entire service, would necessarily be much cheaper for long distances, but would probably be higher for short distances.

This condition would result in the service getting the business between long-distance points, while the express companies would still maintain their hold on the business of all short-distance parcels, because the zone rates of the express companies would be less than the postage rates.

Postmaster General Corteyou says that an effective domestic parcels post should be organized on the same lines, substantially, as the express companies conduct their business in this country, and as a parcels post service is conducted in other countries. It is not believed practicable, however, for the Government to adopt a schedule of rates based upon mileage, as is done by the express companies, for such a system would place it in the express business, rather than in that of legitimate mail carrying.

Similar to Express Offices.

It would be necessary to maintain offices similar to express offices, where persons desiring to obtain the rates to different points would have to go for their information, and to which they would probably have to carry their packages.

If the parcels post is to be established at all, the Postoffice officials think, it must be upon the basis of uniform rates at all points. Such a system alone would place the service within easy reach of all and make it of general benefit.

Should Congress authorize experiments the Postmaster General contemplates putting into operation the service between two cities far apart and two close together. A route from Boston to San Francisco would probably be established, and one between New York and Philadelphia or places approximately that distance apart.

In this manner it could be determined just how much more the long-distance service would cost over the short distance service, and whether the rates could be so arranged and equalized as to make the service equally valuable under two so entirely different conditions.

Should Be Self-Sustaining.

Mr. Corteyou is of the opinion that the service should be self-sustaining, and, therefore, that a uniform rate, if established, must be so arranged that the profits made upon the short hauls would counteract the losses upon the long ones.

A parcels post system between this country and almost all other foreign countries is now in operation and working successfully. A few of the nations here are different from those affecting a general service throughout the United States. In the foreign parcels post, weighing up to eleven pounds are taken at the uniform rate of 12 cents a pound. The foreign system was introduced in 1871, and the first article imported into this country was a feather fan, presented by the government of Jamaica to the wife of the President of the United States.

CAPTAIN ECKERSALL

A SOCKER CONVERT

Great Quarterback Much Interested, and Is Out for Team—Chicago Will Play Harvard.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Capt. Walter Eckersall is a soccer convert. The maroon rugby leader has ordered the regulation knee breeches, stockings, and jersey, and will make his appearance as a candidate for the University of Chicago Association football team. A previous engagement prevented him from playing in the first game of the maroon soccer schedule on Saturday.

Walter Steffen, the second Ecker, Ferguson, the plugging fullback, who made a name for himself in the Illinois game; Mofford, substitute end, and Hopkins, of the second eleven, are among the new recruits. Badenoch, the big tackle, and Meigs, the towering guard, will report for practice with Captain Eckersall.

A game with the Harvard soccer team for the maroon team is in prospect. Word has been received from Cambridge that the Crimson squad will play on Marshall Field if the proper arrangements are made. Coach Purcell believes the game is a certainty. If played, the intercollegiate soccer contest will come off at about Easter time.

Leo De Tray has received a letter from Coach Stage, which was, in a large measure, a word of advice for the maroon halfback to remain in bed until his eyesight is completely restored. Stage is now in Orange, N. J., visiting his parents.

Mother of Desperadoes Dying in Madhouse

Last of Deal Robbers Awaiting Their Fate Once Terrorized Three States.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Dec. 19.

Federal officers and the authorities of three States are awaiting with much interest the trial tomorrow of Thomas and Jiner Deal, said to be the last of a desperate gang of robbers and jail breakers who for over three years terrorized both sides of the Ohio river. The balance of the band, all bound by oath and consanguinity ties, are either serving long terms or have come to tragic ends, as befitted their desperate careers.

The two behind the bars at the local jail are under indictment for burglary and larceny. They are charged with looting stores at Wheelersburg, one of which contained the postoffice, and also for a safe-blowing job at the Star brick yards, near this city.

Jail Carefully Guarded.

Knowing the desperate character of the men the jail is guarded day and night. The antiquated structure is none too safe, and suspicious visits made by strangers early served to put Sheriff Ketter upon his guard.

The Deals were turned over to the United States Government had failed to make a case against them at Columbus for the robbery of the Oak Hill postoffice. When it became evident they would not be indicted for that offense Sheriff Ketter this morning had the prisoners would be held for him, and they were brought to Portsmouth. The indictment against the Deals in this county was returned June 8, 1935, and has been kept secret. The Deals were captured near Pittsburgh early in November.

Previous to that time Jiner had broken

jail at West Union, where he was confined on the charge of robbing a store at Manchester. He left the jail doors locked behind him and how he escaped remains a mystery.

For years the Deal family were unsuspected of wrongdoing, and led the lives of small farmers upon the Kentucky side several miles below this city. Early last winter, the father met his tragic end at the discharge of a trap gun set in a store at Wayne, W. Va., which the gang intended to rob. This furnished the first clue to their identity, and subsequently led to the conviction of two sons and their brother-in-law, Peter Skaggs, upon burglary charges in that State. All are now confined in Moundsville penitentiary, serving long terms.

Depredations in Kentucky.

Besides their depredations in Ohio and West Virginia they are suspected of similar crimes in Kentucky. Against this dark background, resembling an old-time chapter of border crimes set forward a hundred years, it would be strange if no element of panic were furnished. The good mother of the family, borne down by successive woes, held her last hope in the youngest boys, until their arrest for the Adams county crime. Seeking confirmation of her worst fears, the aged woman came to this city and was picked up by the police upon the street almost furnished and muffled in unintelligible tones.

Her dearest son, and in hopelessness, she is passing her last days at the Athens Hospital for the Insane.

SECRETARY BONAPARTE A DILIGENT WORKER

Guardian of Uncle Sam's Navy Much Like His Chief as Far as the Strenuousities of Life Are Concerned.

Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy, is leading a strenuous life. With his official home in this city and his domestic home in Baltimore, the Secretary of the Navy swings backward and forward between the two cities during the week with almost the regularity of a clock's pendulum. But the swing is made twice daily instead of each second. Like his chief, President Roosevelt, the Secretary leads a life that is full of work, hurry and bustle.

After getting out his annual report, hearing a storm of indignation from sentimental women throughout the country on the proposed fate of "Old Ironsides," reviewing the Mediterranean case, taking up the recent hazing sensation at Annapolis, and pursuing the other onerous duties of his office, the Secretary has found time lately to attend church fairs in Baltimore, auction off autograph books and engage in other such pastimes.

To the popular mind the life of a member of the cabinet may seem one of late dinner, rose and a few hours' work in the afternoon, but a glance at Mr. Bonaparte's routine will change this erroneous impression.

Early to Work.

When living at his country place, Belle Vista, in the Long Green Valley, Mr. Bonaparte rises at 5:30 o'clock, as becoming an industrious farmer, but during the winter, when he occupies his city home at 10 Park avenue, he leaves his bed an hour later. He has made it a rule to retire about 10 o'clock, but since his appointment to the secretaryship his labors have so increased that he frequently does not go to bed until midnight. His breakfast he takes at 8 o'clock, and about 1 in the afternoon.

he gets a light lunch. Six hours later he dines. Secretary Bonaparte's plans for this week will, convey a good idea of his usual weekly routine. He spent Sunday at his home, attending the cathedral in the morning and taking a drive in the afternoon. Mrs. Bonaparte accompanying him on both occasions.

Yesterday morning he spent about an hour and a half at his law office and took the 11 o'clock train for Washington, arriving at his office about 12:30. The afternoon and night were spent in Washington, the former at the Navy Department offices, the State, War and Navy building. This morning at 11 o'clock to the Cabinet dinner at the White House.

After spending tonight at his home, Mr. Bonaparte will put in an hour or so at his office and go back to Washington on the 11 o'clock train. Wednesday afternoon and night will be spent in the Capital, and on Thursday evening he and Mrs. Bonaparte will attend the Cabinet dinner at the White House.

Another cabinet meeting necessitates his attendance Friday morning, and he will return to Baltimore Friday evening to spend part of Saturday at his office and Sunday at his home. Mr. Bonaparte's plan is to put in an hour three times a week at his law office, and he is always present at the Cabinet meetings on Tuesday and Friday, which generally last from 11 until 1 or 2 o'clock.

ORIGIN OF A NEW INDUSTRY.

Two street peddlers in Bradford, England, bought a horse for \$12.50. It was killed by a motor car one day, and the owner of the car paid them \$15 for the loss. The horse was a new industry.

PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR CROSSTOWN RAILWAY

Chairman Babcock Says Capital Traction Company Will Own and Operate Road.

Chairman Babcock, of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, has announced to his committee that the scheme of legislation to be brought before the committee this session will not include any bill to grant the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railway Company the right to construct and operate a cross-town street railway in Washington.

Mr. Babcock said, however, that an agreement had been reached between this company and the Capital Traction Company, whereby the Capital Traction Company would build, own, and operate the cross-town road.

Members of the committee believe that Mr. Babcock's information came from an authoritative source, presumably from the heads of the Capital Traction Company. This agreement is in line with the well-established report that the Capital Traction is about to buy and operate the road built in Virginia by the Great Falls and Old Dominion Company.

Although it has not been definitely fixed, it is believed that the cross-town route asked for the Capital Traction Company will be along M street and New Jersey avenue, these thoroughfares running most of the distances from the Aqueduct bridge to the Union Station.

It is expected that some objection may be made to the passage of the bill by residents along M street. In this case, the route may be changed. It seems probable that this time the bill will be passed by the present session of Congress.

FRAUD ORDER ISSUED AGAINST "BOOKIE"

Dan O'Neill, Who Advertised "Coups" and "Killings" Is Denied Use of Mails.

Another get-rich-quick scheme promoter has been denied the use of the mails by the issuance of a fraud order by the Postoffice Department today. Dan O'Neill, of the firm of O'Neill & Co., with offices in the Caxton building and 131 Monmouth block, Chicago, sent broadcast offering such large returns by wagering a few dollars through him on certain race horses, that Inspector Ketchum was directed to investigate his methods. Upon Mr. Ketchum's findings the order was issued.

O'Neill represented in his letters that by reason of his connection with a certain race horse man, he possessed advance and secret information in regard to certain races and horses. He solicited sums ranging from \$20 to \$100 to bet on so-called "killings," "specials," and "coups."

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Mount Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—George Newton et ux. to James W. French, lot 257, block 4, \$10. Ninth and B streets southwest—William D. Henry et al., trustees, to Mrs. Sarah E. Henry, lot 15, square 383, \$8,600. C street southeast, between Sixth and Seventh streets—Same to same, original lot 11, square 87, \$7,700.

Alley between G and H. Sixth and Seventh streets northeast—Joseph A. Mussante et al. to Celestina Mussante, part lot 24, square 82, \$10. Burrville—Henry E. Webb et ux. to Hattie Hall, lots 1 and 10, block 12, section 2, \$80. 2013 Fourteenth street northwest—Joseph Lyons, trustee, to Charles L. Selemann, lot 7, square 236, \$3,100.

1134 Connecticut avenue northwest—Mary F. Jacobs et al. to William W. Carr, trustee, lot 10, square 161, \$20,000. Kalorama Heights—Union Trust Company to Elizabeth J. Somers, lot 1, block 18, \$4,429.

Alley between G and H. Nineteenth and Twentieth streets northwest—William E. Edmonston et al., trustees, to Frank T. Rawlings, lot 31, square 120, \$2,400.

1882 T street northwest—Edson W. Sutphen to Marie M. E. Sutphen, half interest in east one-half lot 11, square 121, \$1.

Islerwood—Joseph B. Lacey et ux. to John Cook, trustee for Perceptual Building Association, lot 25, square 21, \$10. 48 Eighth street southwest—Henry W. Yount to Alfred B. Yount, lot 15, square 425, \$10.

1 street northwest, between Sixth and Seventh streets—Leon Tobin et ux. to Thomas Hap, part original lots 17 and 19, square 82, \$5,500.

Buena Vista—William F. Warriner, executor, to James E. Webster, lots 1, 2, 3, block 6, \$10.

Anacostia—Henry H. Bergmann, trustee, to Charles C. and Lurana Cator, lot 135, \$1,200.

JAPAN COMPLAINS OF OUR FRAUD ENGINES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Japanese railway engineers are complaining seriously as to the workmanship of the locomotives supplied by the United States to the imperial government railways.

In an official report mention is made of leaky boilers and imperfect fastened rivets and the report further makes the grave statement that none of the engines could be passed until they had been to the repair shops. It is also declared that the engines were so badly made and improperly packed that they were liable to damage in transport.

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